

SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

July 2, 2007 - 6:30 P.M. – Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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1. Emergency Management Report (Bryan Rush)
 - A. Fireworks 2007
 - B. Bridge Closure Policy
 - C. Communications
 - All Hazards Document
 - Voice over Testing
 - D. Reporting
 - E. Training
 - F. EMS Staffing
 - G. Information (Fire/ EMS Study)
 2. Proposed lighting for the Chincoteague new Draw Bridge, starting from Maddox Blvd to where the old section of the causeway ends, including the spur to Marsh Island.
 3. Committee member comments

ADJOURN:

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

**Submitted by Bryan Rush
June 27, 2007**

PLANNING

FIREWORKS 2007

The Fireworks Transportation Plan was revised for the 2007 event. A meeting of the appointed committee from 2006 met on June 15th to revise and execute the plan. Bryan Rush coordinated the plan and activities with the help of Karen Hipple, Jack Van Dam, Edward Lewis, Robert Ritter, Mike Cosby and David Lewis from the CVFC.

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company will be funding the bus drivers and fuel for the event.

Parking for 2007 will be at the Chincoteague High School. Kiwanis volunteers will direct the parking of the vehicles. No Parking will be allowed on Pension and Willow streets. Public Works Director Cosby will be securing these streets and installing signage.

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce printed our information papers in color. The information was sent to the newspaper, radio stations, cable channel 9, TOC web page, and to local rental, motel/hotel establishments.

The trolleys will also be utilized with a change in route to help with alleviating traffic congestion during the July 4th celebration.

BRIDGE CLOSURE POLICY

The Hon. Mrs. Thornton is scheduling a meeting with the 5th District Coast Guard in Portsmouth on concerns about emergency procedures in the event there is a problem with the current draw bridge. The meeting will be held at the Chincoteague Municipal Center sometime in July. Town officials and the Coast Guard will create a plan to remove sick or injured individuals from the island when the bridge is out of service to vehicular traffic.

The meeting was encouraged by the Coast Guard after the motor failure in May that had the bridge closed for some periods of time.

COMMUNICATIONS

ALL HAZARDS DOCUMENT

The all-hazards approach informational document was mailed to citizens. The document was included with the annual mail out on flood insurance and drinking water quality. The total cost was \$1,285.00.

VOICE OVER TESTING

The Charter Cable Emergency Activation System Voice Over was tested on June 1, 2007. The system failed. Charter was notified and has since fixed the system. Bryan Rush tested the system again on June 19, 2007 and the system is now fully functional.

REPORTING

LCAR

The Local Capability Assessment Report for 2007 was sent to the Department of Emergency Management on June 15, 2007. This annual reporting tool is used to justify Grant requests for the state in order to meet the objectives of the assessment.

TRAINING

CERT

A Citizens Emergency Response Team flyer was put in the local newspapers to see if there would be enough citizen interest to hold a class on Chincoteague. Only two individuals expressed interest.

EMT

Bryan Rush will be teaching a fully state funded Emergency Medical Technician class at the Chincoteague Fire Station beginning August 12, 2007. Class will meet Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until early January 2008.

EMS STAFFING

Applications have been received. Interviews are scheduled for July 9th.

INFORMATION

FIRE/EMS STUDY

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors approved the monies for a Fire and EMS study for budget FY 07. The study has been completed and is now ready for viewing. The study can be viewed at www.acdps.net.

The study suggests the Town of Chincoteague to hand over their three EMS employees to the County Department of Public Safety, to better streamline the county. It also suggests that the county charge a fire/EMS tax for Chincoteague. This tax revenue would be placed in the county's funds.

Also, the suggestion is their for a countywide fire chief and that all companies turn their EMS billing money over to the county for services.

The Accomack County Fire Commission will hear a presentation from All Hands Consulting sometime in July. The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hear a presentation from All Hands Consulting on August 6, 2007 about the suggestions.

MEMORANDUM

THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

TO: The Safety and Transportation Committee

FROM: Robert G. Ritter Jr., Town Manager

DATE: June 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Proposed Bridge Lighting.

On Tuesday June 12, 2007, American Bridge Company had a construction leadership meeting. At the meeting I made a statement that the bridge would be safer if we had lighting on the new bridge. The bridge will be equipped with conduit and piers for the light poles. I understood that the engineer took out the lighting portion of the bridge due to cut cost in order to have the bridge prices come in close to budget. The lighting could be on every pier that they currently have on the project with light poles similar to the Robert Reed Park. I made the statement that we would be willing to take over the O & M of the lights, after the bridge has been turned over to VDOT or after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

I have discussed this with the Police Chief and the EMS Director about being a safety issue and they agree that we should have it lit up. Mr. Holloway in an e-mail attached, mentioned that they would look into the situation with an official request from Council.

If the Safety and Transportation Committee agrees to endorse the proposed bridge lighting to the full council for approval a motion could read;

“ Move to recommend to Council that we request VDOT to include in the Bridge project the proper street lighting from Maddox Blvd and Main to where the old section of the causeway ends and new begins, including the new spur to Marsh Island.”

From: [Holloway, Tim R.](#)
To: [wjt;](#)
CC: [Rakowski, Thomas A; rritter@chincoteague-va.gov;](#)
Subject: New Bridge lighting
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 4:26:54 PM
Attachments:

Hi Ms. Wanda,

I was just talking with Tom Rakowski, our Project Manager, who told me that the town was requesting additional lighting on the new bridge. I had not heard this from any of our previous discussions or from Mayor Tarr. I know there will be environmental concerns involved and the close proximity to Mr. Stubbs motel may be an issue, depending on a proposed fixture and its light shed. The earlier we find out the want the easier it will be to determine if it is a possibility.

If this is wanted, I would recommend that this be taken through the Town Council with an official request to Mr. Rakowski, who is copied above, noting the details of the action and the subsequent request.

Please copy Mayor Tarr on this e-mail and Cc me so that I have his e-mail address for any future correspondence.

Thanks for all your help!!!!!!

Take Care,

[Timothy R. Holloway](#)

[Residency Administrator](#)

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